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SUBJECT:PROPOSED VISIT OF OFFSHORE OIL INSTALLATION
PROTECTION TEAM

REFS: (A) OSLO 4238; (B) STATE 223038; (C) OSLO 4919

1. PLEASE REASSURE NORWEGIANS OF USG FIRM INTENTION TO
RECEIVE GROUP AND PROVIDE MEANINGFUL PROGRAM AS WELL AS
SERIOUSNESS WITH WHICH US VIEWS PROBLEM OF DEFENSE OF
OFFSHORE OIL INSTALLATIONS. U.S. COAST GUARD, WHO WILL
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HOST VISIT, IS ACTIVELY IN MIDST OF ITINERARY PLANNING

WHICH WILL INCLUDE TOURS TO VARIOUS SITES IN U.S. AND HIGH LEVEL BRIEFINGS BY COAST GUARD, NAVY AND PRIVATE INDUSTRY. COAST GUARD ESCORT OFFICER WILL ACCOMPANY TEAM THROUGHOUT U.S. VISIT.

2. KEY KNOWLEDGEABLE OFFICIALS, HOWEVER, ARE TOTALLY UNAVAILABLE THROUGH OCTOBER 15. CONSEQUENTLY WE HOPE NORWEGIAN TEAM WILL BE ABLE TO ACCOMMODATE OCTOBER 18 ARRIVAL FOR U.S. PORTION OF TRIP WHICH WILL COMMENCE AT COAST GUARD HQ WASHINGTON, D.C. FULL COORDINATION OF ITINERARY HAS NOT BEEN COMPLETED BUT WE DO ANTICIPATE WINDING UP U.S. VISIT AT ANCHORAGE ON OCTOBER 27 OR 28.

THIS WOULD ENABLE NORWEGIANS TO THEN PROCEED TO CANADA RETURNING DIRECTLY TO OSLO FOLLOWING CANADIAN PROGRAM. WE EXPECT TO SEND YOU DETAILED PROGRAM NLT COB OCTOBER 6.

3. U.S. THINKING ON DEFENSE OF OFFSHORE OIL INSTALLATIONS IS VERY MUCH IN CONCEPTUAL AND EARLY PLANNING STAGES. YOU SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO NORWEGIANS THAT NEITHER U.S. POLICY NOR TECHNOLOGY IN OFFSHORE PROTECTION IS SUFFICIENTLY WELL DEVELOPED TO PROVIDE BLUEPRINT FOR EMULATION. WE DO NOT WANT NORWEGIANS TO ARRIVE WITH MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT STATE OF THE OFFSHORE PROTECTION ART IN U.S. IN ESSENCE WE WILL CANDIDLY SHARE OUR THINKING WITH THEM. PRIVATE INDUSTRY IMPOSES THEIR OWN SECURITY MEASURES ON DEFENSE OF OFFSHORE INSTALLATIONS AND THESE BRIEFINGS SHOULD ADD INTERESTING NEW DIMENSION TO PROGRAM.

4. FYI: RE OTHER ASPECTS OF PROGRAM, USCG WILL CONCENTRATE ON PEACE TIME PROTECTION FROM STANDPOINT OF MARITIME SAFETY AND NAVIGATION. WARTIME PROTECTION MEASURES AND ADAPTATION OF TECHNOLOGY TO PROTECT OFFSHORE FACILITIES IS ALMOST TOTALLY NEW TERRAIN, AND WE ARE STILL UNCLEAR WHAT U.S.N. WOULD BE WILLING TO DISCLOSE RE TECHNOLOGY STILL IN R & D PHASE. ISSUE IS PRESENTLY UNDER INTERAGENCY DISCUSSION. END FYI. ROBINSON

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